

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on 6 June 2011**

**Present:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, R.W. Allison, C. Baty, S. Graham, W. Jefferson, M. Snaith, E. Wannop, G. Wilkinson & A. Weightman. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop.

**762    Apologies**

Cllr. A. J. Markley

**763    Co-option**

All 3 candidates who had expressed an interest in joining the Town Council were each nominated and seconded. A vote took place to fill the first vacancy and Mr David Wallace was duly elected having received a majority of the votes. A vote then took place to fill the second vacancy and Mrs Chris Graham was duly elected having received a majority of votes.

**764    Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. G. Wilkinson - re: Soldiers in Silloth.

Cllr. E. Wannop - re: Ken

**765    Exclusion of Press and Public**

None.

**766    Chairman's Announcements**

Tennis courts have been painted and the new nets put up. Two letters were read out from the Tennis committee and the junior squad thanking the Council for the work done to the courts.

**767    Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2011 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**768    Police Report**

No report.

**769    Bouncy Castle**

The bouncy castle has seen better days and is due for renewal. Raynor asked if the Council would be willing to extend his terms to 3 years if he was willing to invest by buying a new bouncy castle. He also asked if there could be a limit on the number of bouncy castles on the Green at events/festivals. It was agreed that Raynor be allowed to run the facilities for 3 years and that a letter be sent to all festivals and events organisers to say that no additional bouncy castles to be allowed on the Green at events, other than Raynors.

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**770     Adjournment of Meeting**

There had been no requests from members of the public to raise any matters in the meeting.

**771     Correspondence**

- a) NFU 2010 Annual Review.
- b) Friends of the Lake District - Annual Review 2010.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2011.
- d) Cumbria County Council - Local News & Views - Issue 3 May 2011.
- e) Silloth Carnival Committee - Letter of thanks for the cheque for £1895 to cover the cost of the Motorcycle display team and Dearham Brass band.
- f) Email from Robert Henderson, Allerdale Borough Council re: Town Council yard bins. It appears that businesses are using the bins in the council yard to dispose of commercial waste. The solution may be to move the bins further into the yard. If this is agreed, he will ask focsa to confirm that the vehicle can access the proposed position, before the bins are moved.
- g) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Access to West Beach, Silloth. Copy of letters have been sent to Chris Rolle, Property Services manager with a view to him responding directly.
- h) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Access to West Beach. Letter from David Bryden who will be looking into the conditions of the agreement and hopes to resolve the situation over the next couple of weeks.
- i) Cumbria CVS Financial Services - Information about the services they provide.
- j) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Former Fisons Estate. Copy of the Section 106 Agreement duly completed and signed by relevant parties.
- k) Thomson Roddick & Laurie - re: Community Hall, Silloth. Letter to confirm instructions for them to carry out a building survey of the above property in order that they may advise as to its condition.
- l) Letter from Chris Graham expressing an interest in standing at a Town Councillor for Silloth.
- m) Letter from David Wallace who would like to apply to become a member of Silloth Town Council.
- n) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Land adjacent to Silloth Group Medical Practice. The bushes are starting to cause damage to the footpaths within the grounds of the surgery. According to the lease with Allerdale Borough Council these are the responsibility of the Town Council. It was agreed that Ken speak with Mrs Thomas at the surgery and discuss what can be done. Any work to the bushes/roots etc would have to be left until the Autumn.
- o) The Motor Caravanners' Club - Letter from Anne Allen following the clubs visit to the town at the beginning of May. The matter was sorted out at the last meeting and adequately dealt with. In future, permission will have to be obtained from the Town Council.
- p) Letter from Colin Baty, Silloth AFC regarding the floodlight pylon which has blown down.
- q) Email from D. Bryden, Allerdale Borough Council re: Toilets at

Causewayhead Cemetery. Provision of public toilets is presently being reviewed and until the review is complete only emergency responsive maintenance will be carried out on all public toilets. Welcome any suggestions the Council may have regarding the future use/provision of the toilets within the cemetery. The toilets have recently been refurbished at Maryport cemetery. The water has been turned off at the toilets at Causewayhead cemetery due to a burst pipe which will have been during the frost. Cllr. Snaith has spoken to Allerdale and asked how much Allerdale are paid to look after the toilets as the Town Council may be willing to take it on at the right price. Letter to be sent to Allerdale to ask that the water be put back on immediately and that the Town Council would be willing to discuss taking over the maintenance, depending on what financial provision was available.

r) Letter from Allan Hamilton expressing an interest in joining the Town Council.

**772 Planning Applications**

a) The Town Council have approved the following:-

**Ref No:** 2/2011/0221 **Proposal:** Change of use to part-time domestic training facility **Location:** 4 Marine Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Mrs Paula Stephenson

b) Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-

**Ref No:** HRN/2011/0003 **Proposal:** Removal of Hedgerow **Location:** Land at Greenrow Meadows, Silloth **Applicant:** United Utilities

**773 Licences**

None.

**774 Committee Reports**

None.

**775 Reports from Representatives on outside Bodies**

**Primary School** No report.

**Joint Advisory Committee** Meeting took place with the Director of the Hadrian's Wall Partnership two weeks ago with Bill and Brian, re: position of Tourism in Cumbria. Hadrian's Wall Partnership are in a position to take over responsibility or give some leadership to AONB etc, as long as get some funding from various sources. Putting a plan together. AONB are willing to work with them in partnership.

**Silloth Tourist Action Group** No report.

**Silloth Regeneration Partnership** No report.

**North Allerdale Development Trust** No report.

**Sea Dyke Charity** No report.

**Longcake Education Trust** Meeting on Thursday.

**Solway Community Technology College** No report.

**Sports Hall** No meeting.

**Community Hall - The Space - No meeting.**

**776 Allerdale and County Council Reports**

**Allerdale Borough Council** - Cllr. Snaith - Things are changing. AGM was interesting. Labour administration set off on the wrong foot by making unnecessary aggressive comments about the previous administration. Cllr. Snaith has talked to David Bryden and Council needs to come up with specifics about what we want, rather than waiting for Allerdale. Cllr. Jefferson - Council has a tendency to be inward looking, relying a lot on the Chairman's casting vote at the moment. Cllr. Jefferson with the Clerk, met with Jeff Downham to complete the Parish questionnaire.

**Cumbria County Council** - No report but work will be started tomorrow on pruning the trees in the Town. It is the wrong time of year but Peter Marr has said that if it is not done now it will not get done as the funding will not be there. Cllr. Jefferson does not want the tree outside his house pruned.

**777 Handyman's Report**

Various bags of rubble have appeared in the maintenance depot which are from the wall around the Community Hall. Council agreed that a skip be obtained to dispose of the rubble. There are now four bins in the maintenance depot. Most of the rubbish is from the street cleaner but if his rubbish was taken away daily with the FOCSA rubbish the Town Council would probably only need two bins. Email to be sent to Allerdale.

**778 Town Clerk's Report**

Email received from the organisers of the Messerschmitt Car Rally who would like permission to park between 10-20 cars on the Green on Friday 8 July between 12-30 and 2.00pm while they have lunch in the Golf Hotel. This was agreed by the Council.

**779 Applications for financial assistance**

The Town Council considered applications received from the following:-

a) Silloth Festivals Ltd - Silloth Festivals is an umbrella group to support the various events on the Green i.e. Christmas Lights, Beer Festival, Kite Festival etc. The funding would pay for the public liability insurance for the Beer Festival which also covers 5 other events. The Town Council agreed to provide funding of £800 to cover the public liability insurance.

b) Soldiers in Silloth - Town Council gave £1000 to help set up the group when they started. The attraction will not be run as a business as such but will hopefully cover its own costs. Tim has probably spend over £10k of his own money and has put a lot into it. It was questioned whether it can work and if it is sustainable as it is the town's money that is being used if funding is provided by the Town Council. The Town Council agreed to provide funding of £1500 to help with renovation costs etc.

c) Community Hall - The Space - Various courses are being organised which

includes life drawing, teaching German, wood finishing and rug making. Hospice event raised £330 for the Hospice. Clive has bought an overhead projector and screen. Table top sales are to be held in the Hall every Saturday until the end of July. No-one attended the table top sale on Saturday despite various flyers being sent out. The group are looking for funding to help with promotion, leaflets etc. A computer connection in the Hall would be useful. Clerk to provide details to Clive. Meetings of the group have been arranged for 21 June, 19 July, 16 August and 13 September. Cllr. Allison mentioned that Chris Graham has put together an archive of the Green and will also be looking for funding from the Town Council to put the archive together. Solway Coast AONB are looking to put together an archive for the Solway Coast and may be able to link them together. It was agreed that funding of £500 be provided to Scope to assist with publicity, printing etc.

**780     Payment of Accounts**

The list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment.

**781     Site Meeting on Skinburness Road**

Ken and the Town Clerk attended a site meeting on Skinburness Road with Mrs Ostell & the Probation Services, regarding work required to clear the bushes etc. from in and around the trees. Mrs Ostell wants what was the old Council depot removed but this is far too established as a woodland area and not something that the Probation Services would be able to tackle. It was suggested that the bushes/brambles etc under the trees further up be cleared and Peter Holliday be asked to clear it, then Ken and the team could keep on top of it. This was agreed by the Town Council.

**782     The Green - organisation and running of events etc**

The Town Council considered The Green, in relation to the organisation and running of events etc. It was agreed that there needs to be a form/application designed for completion by organisers of events - to ascertain what is going to be held and to check that the relevant insurances are in place. An excellent football event was held down at the Sports grounds but there were bouncy castles there and it was questioned if insurance was in place. The form/application will be for any events held on Town Council property.

**783     Community Hall - Survey of Building**

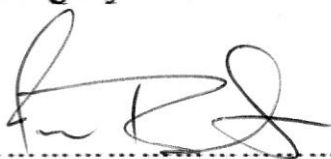
A surveyor from Thomson Roddick & Laurie visited the Hall on Friday and did a comprehensive survey of the building. The report has not been received yet but should be available for the next meeting.

**784     Update on HLF Bid**

No further forward yet. Lease is getting sorted out. Cllr. Allison has emailed Ian Payne.

785 **Amounts owing to the Town Council**  
Nothing causing any concern.

Signed.....

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